

Some legislative jackass has introduced a bill amending the Revenue law so that the delinquent has a good long time after sale to come in and redeem his land sold for taxes. If this amendment pass, the whole law won't amount to a Continental cuss.

Some well-intending persons to the contrary notwithstanding, we are in favor of establishing the office of State Printer, and, when established, putting in a Democrat. "No other need apply." Fix prices at just and reasonable figures, and then give the work to a Democrat. There is such a thing as false economy and starving niggardliness, and we don't believe in parties practicing it, any more than we do individuals.

#### Supreme Court Relief Bill.

We regret very much to see this bill defeated in the House, after passing the Senate. Relief is indispensable. Our member, Mr. Foley, voted against it. In this Mr. Foley does not represent the views of his constituents, who are all, so far as we know, in favor of the bill. The cry raised in House that the measure was unconstitutional, and that the Commissioners would be mere tools of the Supreme Court, is a piece of demagogism unworthy intelligent members.

#### Humor Among the Solons.

"A little fun, now and then, is relished by the wisest men," and the representatives of the people at Washington City occasionally relieve the tedium of legislation by flashes of wit worthy of record. The following instances occurred last Saturday:

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, moved to reduce the duty on glass, cut, engraved, etched, decorated, etc., from 50 to 40 per cent. ad valorem.

In opposition to this motion Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, exhibited various specimens of glassware, which led Mr. Mills, of Texas, to enquire whether the gentleman was selling at wholesale or retail.

Mr. Wilson, holding out a glass dish, said: "If I handed this to the gentleman (Mills) full of apple today, he would not ask the price of it."

Mr. Sparks, of Illinois, ventured to suggest if it were full of apple today Mr. Wilson would not hand it around. [Laughter.]

After further debate Mr. Tucker's motion was lost.

Mr. Townsend protested against the bill as an outrage on workmen, which gave rise to a humorous speech from Mr. Horr in which he expressed the thought that Mr. Cox ought not to ridicule the personal appearance of the gentleman from Colorado (Belford), as he had done this morning in allusion to the color of his hair.

Mr. Cox said if there was anything between the gentleman from Colorado and himself, they did not need the interference of the gentleman from Michigan, and he raised a laugh upon Mr. Belford by saying: "Though 'round his breast white cloths are spread, Eternal sunshine settles on his head."

#### OVER IN ILLINOIS.

#### The Winter—Bees and Bee-Keeping—The Legislature.

Ed. Register—We are having a good old-fashioned winter once more, and the mercury has been bobbing about zero, sometimes getting fifteen degrees below for a whole month. The sun has shone long enough and strong enough to settle each snow, or reduce it to a consistency that would form ice, and then we would get more on top of the ice. The level fields are little better than sheets of ice apparently; and the average granger is croaking about the wheat—that it will all be smothered. After chopping down to it, with an ax, I found plenty of air passages under the ice, and the wheat looking better than where the wind had drifted the snow from the ground as it fell. Don't waste any of your sympathy on us on account of the cold, for I have felt the cold as keenly in Bellevue valley as on our open prairies. When the thermometer marks 0, or below, there is generally but little wind, and it is much more bearable than when the wind is blowing anywhere between "freezing" and zero. Sleighing has been good for a long time; but only sharp shod horses can be taken out on the road now. Ice and whiskey have made the going so good that several dram-suckers, hereabout, have come to grief; and if you really want to pity anybody, pity them; for all who keep sober have little cause to complain of the weather. Indeed, as we are having all winter in winter time, we can safely count on all spring in spring time.

The REGISTER notices the success of a Missouri bee-keeper, Mr. Marshall; but he has not been as successful as others in your State, for Missouri makes a good showing in the agricultural papers. In Illinois the State Auditor reports \$6,633 colonies for 1882; but the honey report is a year behind, or 618,947 pounds for 1881. I think it would be safe to multiply this amount by four for 1882, or over 2,000,000 pounds. I have a wide acquaintance with men here who are making a specialty of bee-keeping, and know of but one or two who did any better than myself in '81, and I had no idea and not a

pound of surplus; but in '82 my increase was over two hundred per cent. and sixteen hundred pounds of surplus honey, half comb and half extracted. We use honey at every meal; and a few months of its steady use has resulted in the banishment of aches and pains, and put the blood in such condition that neither parents nor children are liable to cold. The greatest waste in this land is the nectar that is lost in the flowers every year, because people are so careless about bee-keeping. In dollars and cents my bees have badly beaten my wheat crop the last year, to say nothing of improved health on account of the free use of the only really healthy sweet we have. When one goes to the grocer for sweets now, the chances are ten to one that he will be cheated by some adulteration; and even if one gets the good chance out of the ten, the sweet purchased is healthy only when sparingly used, if at all—unless it be honey. Anyone can have bees, even if they have only a garret to keep them in; and the keeper of bees is, so far, free from the universal curse of landlordism. Some years ago a German, of title and wealth, undertook to compel the bee-keepers about him to pay for their bees pasturing on his lands; but he was resisted, and though the case was carried up to the highest court, it went against him.

Our Legislature has gotten a greater grist on hand than it will be likely to grind this winter. Among the bills presented are several that are clearly unconstitutional; but this does not seem to affect the passage of bills much in more Legislatures than ours. Indeed, our Legislature is infallible in a similar sense in which the Pope is infallible. It is like the little boy's mother: "Whatever it says is right is right, whether it is or not." No wonder at this, for it has hired a parson to pray for the Senate and House every morning, at the rate of \$3 a "prayer." If that don't tickle the Lord and make Him smile on both sides of His mouth at the same time, we might as well quit. Our private opinion is, that after these Solons have tinkered at law-making till the end of the session, there will not be a single act passed to better the condition of the country—if, indeed, and aside from the cost, we shall not be worse off than before they met. Our Constitution itself is a matchless instrument, if you do not pass beyond the second article, or Bill of Rights; but after that, it is a jumble of contradictions and results in a complicated machine for legalizing robbery.

FARMER.

SCOTT Co., Ill., Feb. 2, 1883.

Feb. 3.—On the night of the 1st it snowed and sleeted all night, with a driving east wind; yesterday more and more rain came with it, and near night-fall lightning and rolling thunder began, the rain coming heavier with each shower; during the night the peals of thunder shook everything, and this morning the scene beggars description. A wire clothes-line is a full inch thick; every twig is in the same condition; a load of fodder on a sled was too solid to be taken off. The heavy coat of snow and sleet will bear a man; and the fallen rain runs over it into sheds, stables, &c. Should this all go off suddenly, the flood will be beyond all precedent. Of course many thousands of fruit trees that escaped last year are ruined now. Had it caught us as last year, with the ground unfrozen, few trees, either fruit or forest, would have been standing at daylight this morning.

#### Southeasterlings.

A Gun Club has been organized at Fredricktown.

It took 18 Charlestonians, last week, to kill 28 wild ducks.

Madison county's present indebtedness is reported to be \$12,718.19.

An eagle was killed in Perry county the other day, which measured 5 1/4 feet from tip to tip.

There were recently shipped from Benton to St. Louis 105 hogs which averaged 293 pounds each.

Marriage licenses were issued to 194 happy (?) couples in Cape Girardeau county during the year 1882.

The citizens about Dittmer's Store, in Jefferson county, have organized a "Mutual Protective Society."

The railroad company has purchased the land at De Soto on which it is proposed to build a foundry and other works.

The Knights of Honor of Poplar Bluff intend celebrating, some time in this month, the fourth anniversary of their existence.

Six pieces of timber 12 by 14 inches and 84 feet in length were recently cut by a Scott county saw-mill for the Cleveland Oil Works.

The Malden Clipper says that a farmer in Dunklin county, this year, raised 340 bushels of corn, 60 bushels of stock peas, and 20 loads of pumpkins and caught 16 coons on five acres of land.

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The Association met: Commissioner Miller in the chair. Opened with prayer by Mr. Thos. Calahan.

Read and approved the minutes of last meeting.

Mrs. W. A. Lyman read a paper on "Talent vs. Education." The paper contrasted the present condition of our schools with what it was thirty years ago, showing the improvement in both the schools and teachers, and demanded teachers who can develop brain power rapidly and set a good example. The composition was very neat and classical in style, and earnest in its spirit. It was requested for publication. The paper was very fully discussed by the Association. Commissioner Miller read a paper on "School Government," discussing the need and means and methods of it. The discussion of the subject by the writer was well conducted, and the paper was fully discussed by the Association, the received idea being that the judgment of the teacher, the age and character of the scholar should so concur as to secure the best interest of the school.

Mr. Calahan read a paper on "The Relation of the Common School to Temperance." He did not advocate Prohibition, but argued for individual action in the matter.

Prof. H. C. Davis read a paper on the "Relation of Psychology and Physiology," or the connection between body and mind.

Prof. Vance read a paper on his mode of teaching U. S. History, advocating mapping out the whole subject and then taking up each part in detail. The essay was illustrated by blackboard work. The essay was fully discussed by the Association, and the merits of different text books were also discussed. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive Committee.

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